GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CHECK ON PRICES OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no effective check on the prices being presently fixed by the drug producers, and no standard norms have been fixed for drugs contents and frequent shortage of essential drugs, presently dominated by the MNCs, resulting in the poor performance of domestic companies ;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to set up any Drug Regulatory Authority in the country to oversee the drug industry ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the Government propose to regulate the drug industry in the country ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.